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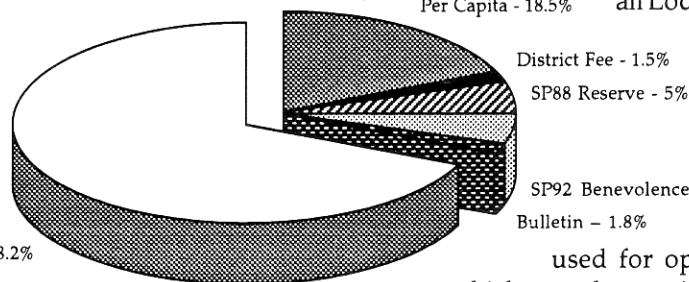
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## Where Does Your Masonic Dollar Go?

There are constant comments on the "huge" amount of money that Grand Lodge takes in fees and assessments.

Where does this money really go and is it really such a large amount when viewed in relation to other costs? In order to see this more clearly let us start by looking at a lodge which charges a modest \$100.00 per year as dues. It is realised that this amount is low for some Lodges and high for a few, but it gives us a starting point. If we look at the total annual amount charged to a Lodge, we see that the operating costs of Grand Lodge are just 18.5 per cent of the whole.

**1: Breakdown of Dues of Average Mason**  
Based on Dues of \$100



of the year to keep operating. The Budget was accurate but the money did not come in at evenly spaced intervals. The voting members present at that Communication, on behalf of all Lodges, voted to assess each member \$5.00 per year for 10 years (or until \$500,000 was reached) to build up a financial buffer. The assessment, known as SP88 is not used for operation except by loan which must be repaid.

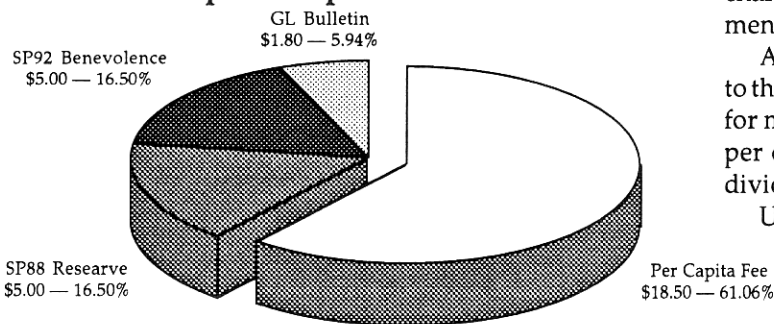
In 1992 the problem of a rapidly depleting Benevolence Fund was brought before the members at the Grand Communication. Again, on behalf of all Masons, the voting members agreed to another \$5.00 assessment to enable the charitable function of this fund to continue. This assessment is for a five year period.

A number of copies of the Grand Lodge Bulletin, equal to the membership, is sent to each lodge ten times each year for mailing with the Lodge summons. The cost is 18 cents per copy and the charge is the actual cost of production divided by the number of copies to make it self supporting.

Using a fairly low pay rate of \$10.00 per hour the cost of the Grand Lodge per capita fee takes approximately two hours of work per year!

Chart 3 shows how the per capita fees are used. \$0.75 is the cost of holding the Grand Lodge Communication. This covers the cost of meeting rooms, printing of the

**2: Per Capita & Special Assessments**

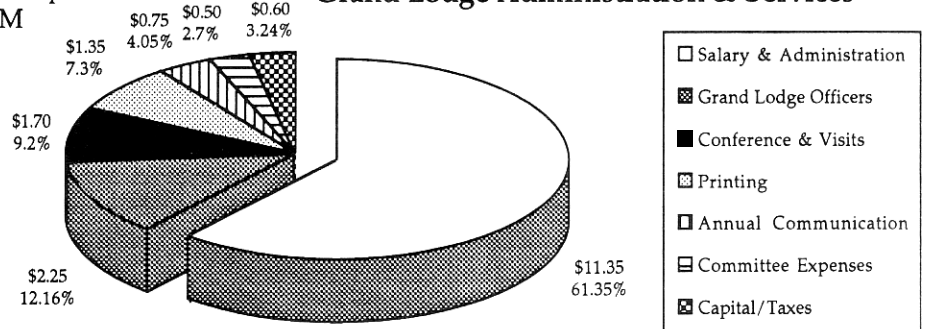


What other costs are charged against each Lodge Member?

Most Districts have a per capita fee to offset some of the expenses of the district — in particular the operation of the District meeting and the PDDGM Jewel. The average is about \$1.50 but this does not pass through Grand Lodge.

In 1988, at the Grand Communication, discussion took place on the fact that Grand Lodge had been operating for many years on a day-to-day system. There was no buffer against slow cash flow. In fact Grand Lodge was regularly forced to borrow money at different times

**3: Per Capita Fee Split —**  
Grand Lodge Administration & Services



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ballot forms and for guest VIP meals and rooms.

Printing takes \$1.35 of the fee for the large amount of material that must be produced each year. The Proceedings, Bursary Committee printing, GL Officers printing, Committee printing, Preliminary Reports, Proceedings of the Banff/ All Canada Conferences and all forms and publications issued by Grand Lodge.

Approved conference and visitation expenses for GL officers and their ladies uses \$1.70 of the total. The schedule of visits is monitored and appears in the GL budget.

\$2.25 of the total per capita fee goes to Grand Lodge Officers' expenses, including travel expenses, regalia and regalia repair, G.Sec's expenses and automobile allowance, northern Lodge travel expenses, and the pre-approved allowances for certain GL officers.

GST, Furniture and fixtures and depreciation take up \$0.60 of the total while another \$0.60 is used for approved Committee expenses.

The final \$11.35 is for salaries and general administration. The salaries portion includes staff benefits, temporary staff to cover absences and overload periods, CPP, UIC and Workers Compensation. The administration portion covers the Auditor's fee, bank charges, computer operation, administration of Benevolent and Bursary funds, insurance, office printing, office maintenance, office security, rent, supplies, postage, staff development, telephone and sundry expenses.

The budget is discussed at each Grand Lodge Communication after it has been developed by the Budget Committee, reviewed by the Finance Committee and then reviewed and approved by the Board of General Purposes, which has each DDGM as a member in addition to elected and appointed members.

Your Per Capita fee is only \$18.50 and seems to buy many services under a carefully scrutinized annual budget. The Grand Lodge is essential for operation of the Lodges in a Jurisdiction - please do not condemn it for expending moneys that the voting members have approved. If you have concerns, discuss them with your Lodge Officers, your Past Masters (who are all voting members) and your DDGM. These are the people who can voice your concerns on the floor at a Grand Communication.

## Grand Master's Itinerary

### April

- 3 Mizpah Chapter Rose Croix, Easter Breakfast
- 8 Edmonton Lodge of Perfection
- 11 Robert Burns Cresset Lodge, Carmangay
- 12 Victoria Lodge, Fort Saskatchewan
- 14 Coronation Lodge, Coronation
- 16-17 Hands Across the Border — Unity, Saskatchewan
- 18 Empire Lodge, Edmonton
- 20 West Edmonton Lodge, Englishmen's Night
- 22 Opening Ceremony, Masonic Spring Workshop — Kananaskis
- 26 Connaught Lodge, Viking
- 30 Kitchener Lodge — Ladies' Night, Rimbey

### May

- 2 Hinton Lodge, Hinton
- 4 Redwood Lodge, Edmonton
- 5 Zetland Lodge, Calgary
- 6 Edmonton Lodge of Perfection
- 7 Royal Order of Scotland
- 10 Gateway Lodge, Installation — Acacia Hall, Edmonton
- 12 Board of General Purposes, Red Deer
- 12 Nanton Lodge, Nanton
- 13-14 Grand Chapter R.A.M. — Marlborough Inn, Calgary
- 16 Spitzie Lodge, Cowley
- 17 Perfection Lodge, Calgary
- 18 Bow River Lodge, Calgary, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday & 70 Year Jewel
- 19 Apollo Lodge, Stettler
- 24 Kitscoty Lodge, Kitscoty
- 30 Order of the Eastern Star, Grand Session — Calgary

### June

- 1 Waskatenau Lodge, Waskatenau
- 2 Buffalo Park Lodge, Wainwright
- 3 Edmonton Lodge of Perfection
- 7 Eastgate Lodge — Installation, Edmonton
- 9-11 Grand Lodge Communication — Crossroads Hotel, Calgary\*

\* See Agenda on page 5.

## New Items For Sale

The Grand Lodge of Alberta is pleased to be able to offer some exciting new items for purchase.

All items are available through our Grand Lodge Office and will be available at the Masonic Spring Workshop book store. All prices include GST.

Masonic Dinner Napkins	12 for \$1.80 or 144 for \$21.60
Blue Masonic Balloons	12 for \$1.80 or 144 for \$21.60
Gold Masonic Pen	\$16.05
Alberta Masonic Belt Buckle	\$10.70
Masonic Mug (Gold Square & Compass on both sides)	\$8.56
Corduroy Masonic Baseball Caps (Dark blue, black or white)	\$10.70

## Awards

The following Masons were recognised for long service to the Craft. All Masons in Alberta congratulate you on your commitment to Masonry.

### 50-Year Jewel — 1993

Albrecht, Peter	Edmonton Lodge
Barson, Raymond L.	Norwood Lodge
Billard, Robert A.	Crescent Lodge
Brown, Hugh G.W.	Gleichen Lodge
Brown, Jack	Waskatenau Lodge
Buckwell, Leighton	Alberta Lodge
Caldwell, Hugh L.	Connaught Lodge
Carlson, Carl E.	Drumheller Lodge
Densmore, Brent J.	Coronation Lodge
Dickey, William E.	Bowmont Lodge
Drewry, John P.	Norwood Lodge
Dunn, Harry	Vermilion Lodge
Forseth, Thoralf	Crescent Lodge
Galbraith, George H.	Foothills Lodge
Harney, Vernal J.	Connaught Lodge
Hart, Donald F.	Dominion Lodge
Johnson, Alyn G.	North Star Lodge

Johnston, Cameron S.	Edmonton Lodge
Lowrie, W.W.	Balmoral Lodge
McKie, William J.	Connaught Lodge
Mulder, F.R. Erick	Corinthian Lodge
Neumann, Theodore O.	Foothills Lodge (Deceased)
Norton, Mark P.	Star of the West Lodge
Palmer, Clifford A.	Lethbridge Lodge
Patterson, J.L.	Eastgate Lodge
Pawsey, Ronald	Edgerton Lodge
Perry, Harold M.	Beacon Lodge
Ramsey, Harold S.	Mountain View Lodge
Ronald, A.M.	Chinook Lodge
Roos, Valentin(Val)	Norwood Lodge
Rose, Art	Oneway Lodge

Spooner, William	Symbol Lodge
Thacker, George	Quarry Lodge
Thorp, W.A.	Provost Lodge
Thorssen, Eric A.	Gleichen Lodge
Tissington, J.R.	Grande Prairie Lodge
Walton, Douglas A.G.	King George Lodge
White, William H.	Nanton Lodge
Young, Charles	Hinton Lodge

### 60-Year Bar — 1993

Harper, John M.	King George Lodge
Hedderick, J.B.	Perfection Lodge
McKergow, John S.	Canada Lodge
Patrick, Russell	Eureka Lodge
Sharp, C.H.	Fidelity Lodge
Stewart, John N.	Red Deer Lodge

### 50 Year PM Jewel — 1993

Sharp, Cleo H.	Fidelity Lodge
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## Record Breaking Masonic Family

Four Generations of Reach Family Members of Alberta Lodge No. 3

It began in the latter years of the nineteenth century, when Alberta Lodge had its genesis as Alberta Lodge No. 37, G.R.Manitoba. Fort Macleod was in the then Northwest Territories — hence, under the jurisdiction of G.R.M., Bro. C.J. Reach (generation one) was a member of this lodge.

When Alberta became a province in 1905, C.J. became a charter member of Alberta Lodge No.3 GRA.

Generation two was C.J.'s son, RW Bro. Charles S. Reach, Worshipful Master, 1947 and DDGM 1951/52.

Generation three is RW Bro. Robert E. Reach, Worshipful Master in 1963, PDDGM

Generation four: WM Brian Reach was installed as Worshipful Master December 27 1993.

Four generations of Reach's, with three Worshipful Master and two DDGMs, is an enviable Masonic tradition.

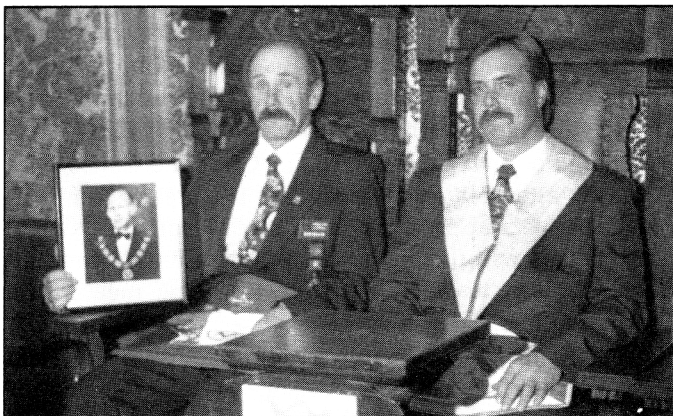


Photo taken at the Installation of Bro. Brian Reach (right); (left) RW Bro. R.E. Reach, PDDGM is holding photo of RW Bro. C.S. Reach, PDDGM.

Submitted by Bro. Ray Harris

## Grand Lodge Library

The Grand Lodge Library has had a facelift.

Since last September, a group of Brethren have worked hard at archiving some materials and re-cataloguing the book collection of the Library. In place of the previous 40+ classification system, there is now one of thirteen different areas. All of it has been computerized and the Grand Lodge now has an on-line system for searching Titles, Authors and Subjects.

This system will be available, on a 3.5 inch diskette, for all Brethren at the Masonic Spring Workshop and from the Grand Lodge office after that. It will normally be supplied on a 3.5 inch diskette, except by special request. At the time of going to press, the price has not been set — it will be modest and all profits will go back into the Library.

Future plans include the indexing of all papers and articles in the Library, as well as adding other collections within the Province to the Grand Lodge system. This will let Masonic Researchers check one index but locate books throughout the Province.

Also, in the last few months, numerous new books have been added, bringing the number of books close to the 900 mark. However, donations are always welcome. All donated books will have a sticker placed in them naming the donor.

Lodges which do not have, and do not intend to have, their own libraries can help Brethren throughout the Province by forwarding any books they may have in their possession to the Grand Lodge for the Library.

Each Brother within the Province can assist in the growth of the Library by ensuring that his family knows what to do with his books and regalia and also by checking with widows of departed Brethren for Masonic books. What better way for their husbands to be remembered!

Submitted by RW Bro. Hugh Young

## What Masons Do!

### 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal Recipient



We wish to tell you about one of the greatest Masons we have ever known — he appears in the picture above. No, in this case it is not our Grand Master MW Bro. Myron Lusk — rather, we are talking about the Mason on his right, W Bro. Art Boggs of Vermilion Lodge. This picture says a lot about our Brother Art Boggs. Art can usually be found helping quietly behind the scene, standing a little back from the limelight, pleased to have the Grand Master present a \$1,000.00 cheque from the Higher Education Bursary Fund to Evelyn Gwen Thomas of Vermilion.

Like so many really great Masons when there is work to be done, Art is always there. For more than fifty years, in his quiet unassuming manner, Art has dedicated his life to helping others.

Art designed and developed the Educational wing for the United Church, he then renovated the kitchen, rebuilt the hall and Sunday School room and, finally, finished by rebuilding the foyer and walkway.

In 1981-83 he organized homes, jobs and schooling for 27 Vietnamese immigrants.

He acted as a Consultant for CESO (Canadian Executive Service Organization) for three different Canadian Native bands to develop self supporting businesses. Last year, he was in Sumatra as an advisor to a parquet floor and furniture plant. This last activity was a joint CESO/Rotary project. With Rotary, he went to Portugal twice to restore a 500 year old stone house as an educational learning centre.

On his own, Art initiated the fund raising for a local nursing home and, when enough money was available, coordinated and supervised its building and landscaping. He even spent some of his Saturdays putting paint where it was required. Now that the home is functional, Art is a constant visitor, where his warm smile brings comfort and friendship to the sick and elderly.

Most Sundays, you will find Art singing in the church choir or accompanying on the piano. At special community events it is not uncommon to find Art leading the group in a sing-a-long.

Art puts many hours of love into the care of his beautiful garden. On Sundays his fresh flowers are often found adorning the church altar.

It is no small wonder that Art was a recipient of Cana-

da's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal. This is a tribute for his extraordinary contribution to his community and his country.

On the first Tuesday of the month, the Brethren invite you to visit Vermilion Lodge. When you arrive, you will note that the lodge room has been carefully prepared. Notice the floors are swept and washed. Perhaps the grass was cut, or snow was shovelled from the walks just prior to your arrival. You can also rest assured that, at the festive board, hot coffee with fresh cream and sandwiches will be served.

As you enter the Lodge, look for Art, the soft spoken Mason pictured above. Chances are it was Art who, once again, freely gave of his time to prepare the Lodge and the festive board for your pleasure.

*Submitted by the Brethren of Vermilion Lodge at the request of the Grand Master.*

## A New Voice

Kyle Lillo got his voice back recently, due to generosity of **The Edmonton Sun** readers and the **Masonic Foundation**. The Masonic Foundation donated more than \$3000 of the required \$7000 to purchase a speech synthesizer for use by Kyle.

"I thank everyone for helping me" were the first words he "spoke", after typing in the words on the unit's keyboard.

There was a brief ceremony of presentation at Dovercourt Elementary School and the Grand Master was there. He said, "God Bless the **Edmonton Sun**," and "I want to commend the **Sun** for really taking hold of this story and bringing it to public attention."

Kyle had been using a borrowed unit from the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital but it had to be returned. This had caused considerable sorrow for Kyle and his parents, as it was the first time he had been able to communicate easily since an accident which had left him brain damaged. Because he was unable to speak he had attempted to use sign language but, due to poor motor skills, he was unable use this technique without difficulty.

The "DynaVox" speech synthesizer is a lap-top unit, with different programs for letters, symbols, recreation and food. Kyle chooses the sequence of symbols he wants and the machine speaks for him.

The unit is owned by the Alberta Education's GRIT Program for disabled youngsters but it is Kyle's for as long as he requires it. Kyle is fully integrated into a Grade 2 program in Leduc and will now be able to communicate with his friends.

The parents shed tears over the generosity of so many people and we, as Masons, were proud of our ability to contribute towards the enrichment of a young person's life.

## Quotation

You either agree or disagree with this one — there is no middle road!

"Abstract art is the product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered"

Al Capp

# Program For The Eighty-Ninth Annual Communication

June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 1994

Crossroads Hotel, 2120 – 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta

## Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1994

- 5:30 PM Vesper Service at Forest Lawn United Church  
 6:00 PM Grand Master's Banquet  
 (by invitation ONLY)

## Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1994

- 8:00 AM Registration opens in the Foyer  
 9:00 AM Board of General Purposes Meeting (members and invited observers ONLY)  
 9:00 AM Balloting opens in the Foyer  
 10:00 AM Opening of the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication (Ballroom)  
 • Grand Lodge Procession  
 • Reception of Past Grand Masters  
 • Reception of Visitors  
 • Presentation of Colours  
 • Motion of Loyalty  
 • Confirmation of the 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication  
 • Recognition of Grand Representatives  
 • Service of Commemoration and Thanksgiving  
 • Report of the Jurisprudence Committee

Noon Break for lunch (on your own)

- 1:30 PM Reconvene the 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication  
 • Adoption of the following reports (one motion covers all)  
 a) Grand Treasurer's Report  
 b) Grand Secretary's Report  
 c) Auditor's Report & Financial Statements  
 d) Grand Librarian's Report  
 e) Grand Historian's Report  
 f) Masonic Research & Education Committee Report  
 g) Masonic Higher Education Bursary Committee Report  
 h) Grand Lodge Bulletin Committee Report  
 i) C.O.M.E.L.Y. Committee Report  
 • Adoption of the following Special Committee Reports: (one motion covers all)  
 a) Masonic Renewal Committee  
 b) Substance Abuse Program  
 c) Publication & Forms Committee  
 d) Masonic Foundation of Alberta  
 • Presentation of the following Reports:  
 a) Board of General Purposes — confirmation of appointment of Grand Secretary  
 b) Finance Committee — Motion to appoint Auditor for 1995  
 c) 1995 Capital & Operating Budget

Presentation of the Reports continued:

- e) Committee on Fraternal Relations  
 f) Committee on the Work  
 g) Committee on the Condition of Masonry  
 h) Board of Benevolence  
 i) Committee on Charters and New Lodges

## 3:30 PM Grand Master's Address

- Vote on any recommendations of the Grand Master
- Motion to refer the Grand Master's Address to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address

4:30 PM Adjournment

## 6:30 PM Grand Lodge Banquet (Ladies Welcome)

- Presentation of Symbolic Bursary Award
- Entertainment

10:00 PM: Balloting and Registration suspended

## Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1994

8:00 AM: Balloting and Registration resumed in Foyer

- 9:00 AM: 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication reconvenes  
 • Any Reports not completed from Friday's session  
 • Report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address  
 • Notices of Motion to Amend the Constitution

10:00 AM Balloting and Registration close  
 • Report of the Credentials Committee  
 • Report of the Scrutineers Committee

11:00 AM General and Unfinished Business  
 • Election of Grand Tyler

11:30 AM **Sharp:** Any unfinished business of Grand Lodge will be tabled

Noon Break for Lunch (On your own)

- 1:30 PM 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication Reconvenes (Tuxedos Requested)  
 • Installation of the Grand Master and Investment of the Grand Lodge Officers for 1994/95  
 • Grand Master's Comments

3:30 PM Grand Lodge closes

3:45 PM 1994/95 Officers' Pictures

5:00 PM BBQ at Airdrie Community Hall



## Masonicalia Society News:



The Masonicalia Society of Alberta comprises a group of Masons who are dedicated to the gathering, study and preservation of everything relating to Masonic material culture.

On Saturday, October 30, 1993, the Chinook Shopping Mall in Calgary was the scene of a Mini-show. Held in conjunction with the Calgary Military Historical Society, Masonicalia Society President W Bro. Tom Hargreaves featured a display of Masonic jewels, Masonic philatelic covers and books, which illustrated the connection of Freemasonry with the military.

After the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717, military lodges carried the philosophy of our fraternity to the four corners of the earth. The first military lodge, which was a 'stationary' lodge, was formed at Gibraltar in 1728. Later, warrants created 'travelling lodges', the first such warrant being issued to the First Foot Regiment, which later became the Royal Scots. Frequently, several Lodges existed in the same regiment. Freemasonry was introduced into Canada in Nova Scotia, by Ensign Erasmus Philipps, a British officer in the 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment in 1750, when he petitioned the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to form a Lodge at Halifax.

During the Mini-show, W Bro. Hargreaves and MS0A member Bro. Greg Nehring fielded some interesting questions, such as why one of the jewels contained a 'swastika'. The swastika, of course, can be found in the catacombs of Rome and was used by many different peoples over the centuries long before its degradation during the Second World War.

On concluding the Mini-show, Tom Hargreaves was convinced that the interaction with the general public had been a day well spent in support of the Masonic Renewal effort and 'Vision 2000' — our Grand Master's theme.

## Lending A Helping Hand

Any Brother who knows of any widow or Brother who could use some assistance with their snow removal is asked to contact our Senior Warden, Bro. Louis Fradette. Bro. Fradette has 'snow blowing Brethren' lined up, eagerly looking to lend a helping hand.

From the Notice of Avon Glen Lodge, Edmonton

## Most Improved Notice

*The Irricana Mason*, as Irricana Lodge calls its Notice, jumps up and hits you now. Someone, with a new computer and a good program, is doing a great job. There are good sized typefaces, headlines, pictures, and explanations of Lodge affairs — it also has news. Congratulations to the lodge for producing something that WILL BE READ.

Many other lodges have greatly improved their notices and it is becoming quite rare to see the totally non-informative notices of yesteryear. There are still a few that are not only "fill-in-the-blank" kind, but have unreadable type and which are often printed askew — some information gets left off the page! These few lodges must have a member who has a computer or a young person, in one of its members' families, who would be delighted to earn a dollar or two on printing up a notice. Why not make 1994 the year when your notice comes to life!

## Mailbox Question Of The Month

Why is it that, when Master Masons like myself — and there are hundreds of us — go to our Lodge or visit, the Past Masters look at your apron, say, "Hello" and then turn away? This even happens in my own Lodge although there are exceptions. We used to say in the Armed Forces that these guys were "rank happy".

In my 33 years in the military, I have visited Lodges in seven different countries and every member in these lodges, with the exception of the Worshipful Master was called "Brother". This had a significant levelling effect. If we want to turn things around and keep up in the nineties, we Master Masons have to be welcomed into our own lodges as equals. If we start in our own back yard, we can then hope that things will improve.

*The Editor would welcome responses to this question posed by one of our members.*

## Fort Edmonton Masonic Museum Society

On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1994, the entire MASONIC FAMILY has been invited to take part in the opening festivities of Fort Edmonton Park. The primary involvement of the Masonic attenders will be to form the nucleus of a PARADE. In the past, the Park opening day has attracted many visitors and tourists. This, obviously, affords us a perfect opportunity better to acquaint the public with the Masonic family and gives us the exposure that could enhance our public image.

An invitation is extended to The Craft and Concordant Bodies to attend in all their regalia. The wearing of Craft regalia has been approved by MW Bro. Myron Lusk, Grand Master. This will display to the public a united Brotherhood that can teach and display the true meaning of Brotherly Love.

The parade will form up at approximately 11:00 AM and start at approximately 11:45 AM.

Lodge Secretaries are asked to report the number of participants from that lodge to either the President or Secretary listed below.

MW Bro. S.E. Mottershead, PGM, 474-0720  
Bro. George Helmer, 478-2965